

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to August 26, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8-10, 29-30, 11-14, 16-17, 19-22 & 24-27 renumbered 1-19 respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below: Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Randy Noranbrock on September 2, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In **Claim 8**, line 9, change "at least one of the color panels" to --the positioned color panel--; & delete the second occurrence of "one of".

In **Claim 8**, line 10, change "panels" to --panel--.

In **Claim 8**, line 12, delete "at least one"; & insert --positioned-- after "secure the".

In **Claim 8**, line 13, change "a" to --the--.

In **Claim 10**, line 3, after "inserted into" insert --one of--; & change "cover" to --color--.

In **Claim 10**, line 4, after "holes and" insert --inserted into a corresponding one of--.

In **Claim 11**, line 4, after "holes," insert --each of--; & change "the" to --a corresponding--.

In **Claim 11**, line 5, change the first occurrence of "the" to --each--; & after the fourth occurrence of "the" insert --positioned--.

In **Claim 11**, line 7, after "of the" insert --corresponding--.

In **Claim 11**, line 9, change "panels" to --panel--.

In **Claim 14**, line 1, change "each of the pair of" to --the--.

In **Claim 14**, line 2, change "has" to --have--; & change "each said" to --the corresponding--.

In **Claim 14**, line 3, change "panels" to --panel--.

In **Claim 16**, line 3, after "inserted into" insert --one of--.

In **Claim 16**, line 4, after "holes and" insert --inserted into a corresponding one of--.

In **Claim 21**, line 2, change "is" to --are--.

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In **Claim 24**, line 3, after "inserted into" insert --one of--.

In **Claim 24**, line 4, after "holes and" insert --inserted into a corresponding one of--.

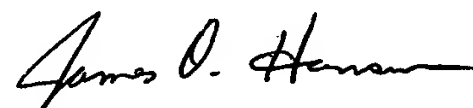
In **Claim 26**, line 2, change "of a" to --of the--.

In **Claim 30**, line 1, change "is" to --are--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James O. Hansen whose telephone number is 571-272-6866. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday between 8-4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai can be reached on 571-272-6867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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